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SUBJ :CHURCH REPORT ON RHODESIAN BRUTALITIES

REF :CAPE TOWN A-91, SEPTEMBER 1974

1. CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN RHODESIA HAS PUBLISHED 27-PAGE REPORT ALLEGING ACTS OF BRUTALITY BY RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES AGAINST AFRICAN VILLAGERS. ACCORDING TO MAY 14 RAP DAILY MAIL,REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN LONDON AND THEN RELEASED IN SALISBURY THIS WEEK. ENTITLED'MAN IN THE MIDDLE' DOCUMENT GIVES TWELVE CASE HISTORIES OF ALLEGED VICTIMS OF AIR ATTACKS, SHOOTINGS,ASSAULTS,AND TORTURE. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO ALLEGATIONS.

2. IN INTERVIEW ALSO APPEARING IN RAND DAILY MAIL, BISHOP DONAL LAMONT SAID REPORT ISSUED 'TO BREAK THE ENORMOUS ABOUT THE HORRIFYING THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THIS COUNTRY...

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AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MINORITY

ADMINISTRATION.' LAMONT POINTED OUT THAT SIMILAR REPORT(REFAIR)  
WAS CIRCULATED BY COMMISSION AND CHURCH LEADERS IN 1974 BUT  
BUT 'THERE WAS NO CHANGE'. (FULL TEXT  
INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. COMMISSION REPORT  
NOT AVAILABLE HERE.)

3. COMMENT: COMMISSION'S 1974 REPORT CAUSED BRIEF STIR IN  
RHODESIA, INCLUDING VEILED THREATS OF ACTION AGAINST COMMISSION  
AND ITS MEMBERS BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE. NEW REPORT APPEARS  
LIKELY TO LEAD TO GREATER STIR BECAUSE OF TIMING OF RELEASE.  
CHURCHSTATE RELATIONS IN RHODESIA, WHICH HAVE BEEN TENSE FOR  
SOME TIME, SHOULD BE EXACERBATED BY THIS REPORT,  
WHICH GIVES AFRICAN NATIONALISTS ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION IN  
WAR OF WORDS WITH RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT.

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